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## Department of Speech & Hearing Science

Fall 2013

### Message From the Chair

I am very pleased to present this issue of the Department of Speech and Hearing Science Newsletter - HearSay. This issue contains news about our alumni, faculty, clinical educators, and students that I hope you will find interesting and informative. We continue to work toward keeping our community connected and HearSay is an important means of maintaining that connection. I am particularly pleased to hear from a number of our grads that have contributed to this edition. I hope you will enjoy learning about how your classmates and friends are doing. The newsletter is primarily an alumni publication and your input is a valuable part of the publication. [Read more.](#)



### Alumni Alley



**Melissa Berry** (MA '02) recently celebrated the five year anniversary of Sunset Speech & Language Pathology, a pediatric speech and language clinic that she founded in Miami, FL. With two offices (South Miami and Key Biscayne), it serves a demographic of children from varying backgrounds, utilizing the latest research-based therapy techniques in a supportive environment, and enjoys close working relationships with Miami Children's Hospital, the United Way of

South Florida, and Autism Speaks. Sunset Speech is actively recruiting highly qualified SLPs from the nation's top programs, especially GW! Please visit [www.sunsetspeech.org](http://www.sunsetspeech.org) for more information or to say hello to fellow alumna, Melissa!

**James Brinton** (MA '12) was featured on [the ASHA website](#) discussing how SLPs make a difference in schools!

**Judy Katz Cicale** (MA '77) moved to Gainesville, Florida, in 1979 and worked as a clinical audiologist in a private ENT practice and at the University of Florida. Since 2006, she has been a Consumer Outreach Audiologist for GN ReSound. [Read more.](#)

### Among Ourselves

Congratulations to Professor **Shelley Brundage** for being selected as an ASHA fellow in 2013. This is an honor offered to a select few each year and is based on a nominee having made an outstanding contribution to the discipline of communication sciences and disorders. To be selected for this honor is particularly noteworthy in an organization of over 150,000 members. Shelley will officially 'walk across the stage' at the ASHA Convention in November.

Professor **Adrienne Hancock** received a new grant from the Clinical and Translational Science Institute at Children's National entitled "Physiology and Health of Aging Male-to-Female Transgender Voice." In collaboration with Sheila Steager, an SLP at GcoW's Voice Treatment Center, she is collecting stroboscopic, acoustic, and aerodynamic data from male-to-female patients. They will analyze these data, and hope to compare to older male-to-female patients to see if prolonged usage of a feminine voice has an effect on the vocal tract. This type of research hasn't been done before, so congratulations to Dr. Hancock and her team for their groundbreaking research!



### New Faces

**Dr. Elgiz Bal** is a licensed clinical psychologist at the Chesapeake ADHD Center of Maryland. She specializes in diagnosis and treatment of children and adolescents with diverse difficulties, including ADHD, autism spectrum disorders, academic concerns, anxiety, depression, adjustment issues, and behavior problems. Dr. Bal received her PhD in clinical psychology from University of Illinois-Chicago in 2011 and completed her clinical psychology internship and two-year postdoctoral fellowship at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Her research has focused on assessment of social-emotional functioning, comorbid psychiatric diagnoses, and autonomic state regulation in children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and ADHD. She is teaching senior seminar to undergraduates this fall.

**Dr. Craig Linebaugh** joined the faculty of the Speech and Hearing Sciences Department in 1976. From 1997 until January 2013, he served in various positions in GW's academic administration. He returned to full time service in the department in February 2013. His areas of interest include aphasia and motor speech disorders. He also conducts research on active learning paradigms.



**Dr. Elizabeth Marcinkus** obtained her undergraduate degree from Boston University and her Doctorate in Clinical Audiology (Au.D.) from Gallaudet University. She currently works as a clinical audiologist in the Department of Surgery at the GWU MFA. She previously worked in New York, teaching and supervising graduate students at Touro College and Hofstra University. Her interests include electrophysiological testing and clinical education. She is happy to be teaching Aural Rehabilitation to 2nd year graduate students.

**Dr. Greg Wallace** obtained his PhD in Psychology from the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College at the University of London in the United Kingdom. Most recently, he was a research fellow in the Intramural Research Program of the National Institute of Mental Health, NIH in Bethesda. His current research focuses on brain structure and function (utilizing primarily magnetic resonance imaging [MRI]) and cognitive/behavioral development among individuals with autism spectrum disorders as compared to their same-age peers. He has published over 50 peer-reviewed papers on these and other related topics. At GW, he will continue this line of work, including ongoing collaborations with Children's National Medical Center and NIH, and he will teach courses related to brain and cognitive/behavioral development.



## Department Dish

[Click here to read more about:](#)

- **Caption Call Partnership**
- **The Second Annual GW Summer Symposium**
- **Hearing Health Fair**
- **Student Research Presentations**
- **The Speech and Hearing department went abroad to Korea this summer!**
- **1 - 2 - 3 SAY KIMCHI !!!**
- **NSSLHA**
- **Guest Speakers Series Launched**
- **A Visit from Ed Steger: Head and Neck Cancer Survivor, Patient Advocate, President of the National Foundation on Swallowing Disorders - A Student Perspective**
- **New Happenings in the Department**



## Clinical Notes

### Literacy Lab Partnership

The GWU Speech and Hearing Center is currently partnering with The Literacy Lab, a Washington, D.C. non-profit organization that provides literacy services to children of low socioeconomic backgrounds in grades K-4 in the D.C. Public Schools. In the past, services

have been provided at Smothers Elementary School in Ward 7 and Ketcham Elementary School in Ward 8. They focused on improving students' decoding, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension skills.

### Accent Modification Workshop

The Accent Modification and Literacy Track held a two-day accent modification workshop led by Professor **Geoff Greenman**, Accent Modification and Literacy Supervisor. Workshop participants included International Medical Fellows from The George Washington University Medical School's International Medical Program. It introduced participants to aspects of standard American English that are essential for everyday communication success. Specifically, participants learned strategies to help them overcome areas of standard American English that they found most challenging. Instruction focused on components of standard American English including: stress/intonation, accurate production of consonants and vowels, grammar, and professional speaking. [Read more.](#)

## Gab from the Lab

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- **Dr. Brundage and Dr. Core work together to study bilingual learners**
- **Dr. Thothathiri's Lab looks into syntactical matters.**
- **Professor Bamdad's Lab focuses on sarcasm, lying, and TBIs.**
- **Dr. Mahshie's Speech Communication Lab exploring prosody and voice quality of children with cochlear implants**



## Student Scholarship



The following students completed Master's theses in Spring 2013 (supervising faculty in parentheses):

**Maria Josefina Fernandez** (Core): "Phonetic Features of Adult Non-Native English and their Relationship to English Language Development in Bilingual Children"

**Juliana McGanney** (Brundage): "Speaking Rate in the Child-Directed Speech of Native English-Speaking and Native Spanish-Speaking Parents"

**Benjamin Rubin** (Hancock): "Influence of Communication Partner's Gender on Speaker's Language"

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## Book Chapters, Publications, and Presentations

### Book chapters:

**Auer, E. T., Jr. & Bernstein, L. E.**, "Plasticity for multisensory speech communication: Evidence from deafness and normal hearing," *The New Handbook of Multisensory Processing*, ISBN : null, 2012, B. E. Stein (Ed.), Cambridge, MA: MIT. Pp. 453-466

**Bernstein, L. E.**, "Commentary: A historical perspective," *The New Handbook of Multisensory Processing*. MA: MIT. Pp. 397-405.

**Subiaul, F.**, "Cognitive Imitation: Evidence from human and non-human primates," *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Evolutionary Psychology*, ISBN : null, 2012, J. Vonk and T. K. Shackelford (Eds.), New York: Oxford University Press.

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## Come See Us at ASHA

The 2013 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Convention in Chicago, Illinois, is right around the corner! November 15, meet up with fellow Colonials at the **GW Speech & Hearing Open House**, hosted in conjunction with University of Maryland and Towson University. Mingle with old friends, reconnect with GW Speech & Hearing faculty and network with fellow alumni and



professionals! This event is open to all GW alumni and will include free hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. To register your attendance today, [click here](#). You may also join us without registering. And, don't miss our department members who are presenting at ASHA. [Click here](#) for a listing of papers and posters being presented by GW faculty and students.

## Upcoming Events

### Fall 2013 Guest Lecture Series: "Music and Language: Reading, Rhythm and Neural Synchrony"

Speaker: Nina Kraus, PhD, Auditory Neuroscience Lab, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

November 7, 5:00-6:30

Ross Hall, School of Medicine & Health Sciences, 2300 Eye St NW, Room 227

*Sponsored by the GW Institute for Neuroscience and supported by the Neuroscience of Language and Music Seminar*

### Open House for Prospective Grad Students

December 6

Email [gwusphr@gwu.edu](mailto:gwusphr@gwu.edu) to register

### Spring 2014 Guest Lecture Series: "Inter-professionalism"

Speaker: Loretta Nunez, Director of Academic Affairs & Research Education, ASHA

February 6, 5:00 - 6:30

Foggy Bottom Campus, Location TBA

### Spring 2014 Guest Lecture Series: "Atypical Cognitive and Brain Development in Autism Spectrum Disorders"

Speaker: Greg Wallace, PhD, GWU Speech & Hearing Science Department

March 27, 5:00 - 6:30

GWU Foggy Bottom Campus, Location TBA

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